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FOR ATHERTON FROM MURPHY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SY, US
SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY

REF: (A) STATE 166484, (B) STATE 165514, (C) DAMASCUS 4446

1. I SAW DAOUDY LAST NIGHT, BEFORE RECEIPT STATE REFTELS,
AND UNDERScored MY DEEP CONCERN OVER THIRD PARTY REPORT ABOUT
ACTION ATTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT BY FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL AND
SAID CLARIFICATION WAS NEEDED. DAOUDY SAID HE HAD BEEN ILL
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AND HAD NOT BEEN TO OFFICE. TOLD HIM
I WOULD BE SENDING HIM A PAPER ON SATURDAY SUMMING UP DE-
VELOPMENTS SINCE ISSUE OF MARRIAGE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SYRIAN
JEWISH WOMEN HAD ARISEN LATE LAST YEAR.

2. ON RECEIPT YOUR MESSAGE THIS MORNING I RECONTACTED
DAOUDY AND REQUESTED FLAT CONFIRMATION WHETHER THE PRESIDENT
HIMSELF HAD REACHED A DECISION ON THE TWELVE PROPOSALS.
NOTED I HAD INFORMED WASHINGTON ON FRIDAY OF THE REPORTED
DENIAL OF THE PROPOSALS AND HAD ADDED THAT I COULD NOT
THEN CONFIRM WHETHER ASSAD IN FACT WAS PERSONALLY INVOLVED
IN DETERMINATION. SAID I HAD TODAY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO
REQUEST A MEETING WITH ASSAD HIMSELF UNLESS DAOUDY ADVISED
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ME "NO SUCH DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN AND THAT THE APPLICA-
TIONS SHOULD BE RESUBMITTED TO THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT."

3. ASSAD SPENT THIS MORNING WITH LEBANESE FONMIN BUTROS
AND THE RADIO HAD ANNOUNCED HE BEGAN A MEETING AT 1330L
WITH FORMER LEBPRIMIN KARAME. THUS DAOUDY AS OF NOW (1500L)
WILL NOT YET HAVE HAD CHANCE TO GET TO ASSAD.

4. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED ON EACH FURTHER CONTACT.
MURPHY

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